

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Council Member District No. 7

A **meeting** of the Committee on Community Services, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, August 9, 2010** in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8 was absent.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Pinckney: "I'd like to call the Committee on Community Services to order. First on the agenda is the approval of minutes from July 12, 2010. What is the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Fish: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Callanan: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "I've got a motion and a second. Is there any corrections to these minutes? (No Response) All those in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No response) The minutes stand approved as presented."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**A. Ms. Donna Osborne, Director, Berkeley County Library System,** Re: Approval to submit grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Google to assist in the purchase and equipping of a Mobile Literacy Library.

Ms. Osborne: "Mr. Chairman, members of Council, this is a request before you to ask Google to help us fund a Mobile Literacy Library to serve the outlying regions of the County.

The Friends of Berkeley County Libraries have submitted a request through the Friends to BiLo Charities in the amount of \$50,000 to help fund the rest of this unit.”

Committee Member Callanan: “Move for approval.”

Committee Member Fish: “Second”

Chairman Pinckney: “I’ve got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Osborne.”

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** to submit grant proposal in the amount of **\$50,000.00 to Google** to assist in the purchase and equipping of a **Mobile Literacy Library**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**B Mr. Frank Carson, Berkeley County Engineer, Re: Accept FAA Grant Offer in the amount of \$3,583,309 for Construction of Runway Rehabilitation, Runway Lighting, and Airfield Drainage Improvements, (County share 2.5% / \$94,298.00, match to be funded by budget transfer from Economic Development Department).**

Mr. Carson: “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This item is, if you recall, back in May, we requested permission to apply for the grant for the pavement rehabilitation and drainage improvements. We took bids in June and those bids met the parameters of the approval and we submitted the grant application. As a matter of fact, we submitted grant applications the same day as the bid opening and we were notified last week that the FAA has approved the grant application. It’s kind of a big deal because the original funding for this fiscal year was only to include the runway reconstruction, but we worked with the FAA and convinced them that the drainage was integral to this project and they really went to bat for us and got the additional money, almost \$1.5 million in addition to the original program amount. We will have an update a little later, I guess, unless you want to take it out of order on the agenda?”

Chairman Pinckney: “Ok, I think that it would be appropriate that we take it out of order and go ahead and give us the update. Do I have any objections to that? (No Response).”

Mr. Carson: “The project in...I’m going to pass around the copies of the slides. The first slide is the cover for the bid set actually. It does tell you a whole lot other than it is obviously Berkeley County Airport. This is a plan view of the runway. It shows some of the details. This will actually be the rehabilitation of all of the pavement on the runway itself and the connections to the taxiway. Some of the challenges of the design were knowing whether we going to have the award of the drainage part of the project, because obviously it will make a difference in the sequence of the operations, the disturbed area and there could be some savings if they were both awarded, so we extended the time to award the contract so we would know whether we would have the grant offer or not. By being able to award all schedules under the contract, there will be \$107,000 in savings. The bid included two alternates. One was an asphalt alternate where there

would be a full depth reclamation and cement stabilization of the existing pavement. The other was to overlay to put a leveling course on the old asphalt pavement and to overlay that with concrete. There was a life cycle cost analysis done by the consultants that showed even though the concrete alternative was higher in initial construction, that the life cycle cost would be lower with that construction. Both pavements were designed for the runway extension that we will talk about a little later. There was some reservation on the FAA's part to fund that thicker pavement section, but in the end, they worked with us to do that so that there wouldn't be a later construction to upgrade this pavement. You will see some of the details in these drawings that in this construction project, the runway lighting is going to be replaced as well. I want to go back to this drawing. It's kind of a poor drawing, but if you look at the screen, the drainage project, the features of the drainage project will be to collect the standing water that occurs now. There is a terrible drainage problem. There is standing water at the end of the runway and also between the taxiway and the runway. There will be paved ditches constructed outside the edge of the runway and taken to collection areas and piped to the fence line where it will outfall into an existing ditch. This will prevent the standing water and another one of the criteria we had was if you live in the Moncks Corner area, you have probably heard about flooding on California Branch for years and years. One of our objectives was to take drainage that now goes in this direction toward Whitesville Road and take everything back to another drainage basin, so we are avoiding sending that water to California Branch."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Frank, can I ask you a question while you are talking about the flooding?"

Mr. Carson: "Yes"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Right where the branch crosses Whitesville Road on that bottom, there has always been a lot of flooding in that area. Are you saying that should help that area there, not to be prone to so much flooding?"

Mr. Carson: "Yes, we are taking this...this is at the high end of the drainage basin, so particularly in this, the end of the runway water goes in the direction of California Branch now, that will be taken in the other direction along the edge of the runway, collected and stored in this area and then outlet through that..."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Good. Thank you."

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman. Frank, what is the total length of that runway there now?"

Mr. Carson: "4250"

Committee Member Call: "Just a question of curiosity. Is there ever going to be a chance that an intersecting runway, east west runway, could be constructed on this site?"

Mr. Carson: "Not on this site, no sir. If I may, skip ahead to the next part of the update regarding the extension of the runway and this is a copy of the cover page of the environmental assessment. The draft has been just completed and submitted to the FAA for their review. This is to address the extension of the runway to 5,001 feet. Mr. Davis or anybody else that flies can tell you there is some strategic reasons for 5,001 feet. A lot of them are insurance related, but this is an aerial photograph of the existing site and here again, you can see that this is a wetland area that we are concerned with and this might help orient you a little bit to the pavement. This is the existing runway which will be rehabilitated."

Committee Member Farley: Frank, who will make the decision on...will we or the FAA choose which alternative we will go with?"

Mr. Carson: "The consultants have recommended the concrete alternative and the FAA concurred with that."

Committee Member Farley: "I'm talking about Number 1, Number 2 or Number 3. 650 feet on the southwest end."

Mr. Carson: "Oh, I'm sorry. This is part of the environmental document. The process in this is required for eligibility for federal funding and they always require that you look at alternatives. Going in, we always felt like because of the existing residences, that it only made sense that it would be extended on the south end. Again, we have to look at alternatives and have public input on those, which has been done. These are the three. One alternative of course, is to not build anything. Then we have three alternatives. One was to extend on the south end. One to extend on the north end. The other to divide it equally. The recommendation and the selected alternative was Number 1 that extends on the south end. One of the primary reasons is you have a residential area. There would be a lot of impacts to that neighborhood and there are also cost implications with that. This is the preferred alternative and you can see at the south end, we've shown that 650 foot extension. One of the big problems here is going to be the wetland impacts. There is going to be very costly mitigation associated with that. That will be the next step once we get the comments back from the FAA and the Corps of Engineers to pursue the permitting and finalize the environmental documents."

Committee Member Call: "Is that your overrun that goes down into the wetland?"

Mr. Carson: "Part of the extension itself will go into the wetland. There will be wetland fill permits that will have to be acquired."

Committee Member Call: "Ok, what is the potential clearing wetland impact?"

Mr. Carson: "I don't have that with me. It is on the order of 10 – 15 acres."

Committee Member Call: "How do we impact that? Is part of the overrun in that too?"

Mr. Carson: "Well, yes, that is all included in that. If you are talking about the fill area, yes."

Committee Member Call: "Thank you."

Mr. Carson: "As you know, this was funded through a local grant through Economic Development. That played a key role in the FAA's decision to help us with the other grant because they were impressed with the local participation and the level of funding that was not from federal agencies. Even though we don't have enough money in that, they've agreed that we should spend that and take it as far as we can and then they would support further funding from federal sources to finish the project."

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes"

Committee Member Call: "Do we have a....up in the top right hand corner, is that a highway right of way that goes through the airport property?"

Mr. Carson: "This is Airport Road. I'm not sure that that is our property. It is our property, yes. This little triangle."

Committee Member Call: "So what is the little triangle good for?"

Mr. Carson: "To prevent development."

Committee Member Call: "Ok. Thank you."

Mr. Carson: "So, just to get us back on task, our project at the moment or that we are seeking the approval for is to accept the grant."

Committee Member Fish: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Callanan: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "We've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the acceptance of a **FAA Grant Offer** in the amount of \$3,583,309 for Construction of Runway Rehabilitation, Runway Lighting, and Airfield Drainage Improvements, (County share 2.5% / \$94,298.00, match to be funded by budget transfer from Economic Development Department). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**C. Mr. Frank Carson, Berkeley County Engineer**, Re: Approval to apply for and accept a grant from SCAC in the amount of \$94,298.00 for local share of FAA Grant.

Chairman Pinckney: "That's our local share right?"

Committee Member Fish: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second"

Mr. Carson: "Yes"

Chairman Pinckney: "I've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) All opposed? (No Response) Motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Carson. We are grateful to the FAA for being so compassionate and making the adjustments so that this could be made possible."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** to apply for and accept a grant from SCAC in the amount of \$94,298.00 for **local share of FAA Grant**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**D. Review** prior to **Third Reading of Bill No. 10-27**, an **ordinance** calling for a **referendum** authorizing South Carolina Department of Revenue to **issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors** by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption without regard to the days or hours of sale.

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Callanan: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "I've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) All opposed? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the review prior to **Third Reading of Bill No. 10-27**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Committee Member Farley: "Move for adjournment"

Committee Member C. Davis: "Second"

Committee Member Fish: "You've got two more, don't you?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Pardon me?"

Committee Member Fish: "Don't you have a couple of addendums?"

Chairman Pinckney: "No, we already handled that prior to...I just kinda got off the script a little bit. I'm sorry. Let me get on track here. Let me follow my script. I've got it. I apologize. That's what happens when you get away from the script. Also we have Ms. Stacey Thomas, Airport Manager, reference approval to participate in the FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant."

**E. Ms. Stacey Thomas, Airport Manager, Re: Approval to participate in FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant awarded to the State of South Carolina for a Statewide Airport Security Fencing project in Berkeley County.**

Ms. Thomas: "Yes, Council, thank you. We have been provided the opportunity to participate in a statewide fencing project. It is funded by the FAA through a grant to the state and based on need. We have a need in our perimeter fencing especially. It is currently incomplete. It is about 4,000 feet short. Basically, seeking approval to participate. It will require some matching funds projected at this point to be 2.5%. The project, in of itself, based on our position on the list is probably eight to twelve months out before it would occur."

Chairman Pinckney: "What is the pleasure?"

Committee Member Farley: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "I've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) Motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve to participate in FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant awarded to the State of South Carolina for a Statewide Airport Security Fencing project in Berkeley County.** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "The last item on the agenda. Review prior to... Do I need to go back over that, Ms. Council? I've already done that? Excuse me. They haven't approved it yet. Yea, they approved it just then. Motion to adjourn?"

**F. Airport Consultants, W. K. Dickson, Re: Airport Update.**

*(Mr. Carson addressed this matter earlier in the meeting.)*

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **adjourn** the Committee on Community Services meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:23 pm.

October 11, 2011

Date Approved



## **ADDENDUM**

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## **AGENDA**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 12, 2010**

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